Project Definition

The Asaba Group was retained by the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

GOAL:

Develop a white paper that highlights the growth opportunities for minority suppliers in the automotive industry to include:

- Growth trends and issues within the industry
- Specific growth opportunities for minority suppliers
- Critical success factors for minority suppliers
- Investment considerations for financial investors

Need private equity community to see minority suppliers as viable investment vehicles

Project Approach

Thought Process

Industry/Sector Attractiveness

What Growth
Opportunities Exist for
Auto Suppliers?

What Added
Opportunities Are
Linked with Minority
Suppliers?

Investment Attractiveness

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Market Pressures on Auto Manufacturers

Excess capacity in American and Western European market

Particularly prevalent in Western Europe and North America¹

Global demand for cars increasing

Largely driven by developing nations and emerging markets

Increased competition in domestic markets

U.S. market mature, but experiencing increased competition from foreign manufacturers

Consumer tastes and sophistication of the buying process increasing

- Auto manufacturers focusing on consumer total experience; building capabilities to ensure lifetime customer value
- Consumers are more informed than ever before

Changing demographics in U.S. market

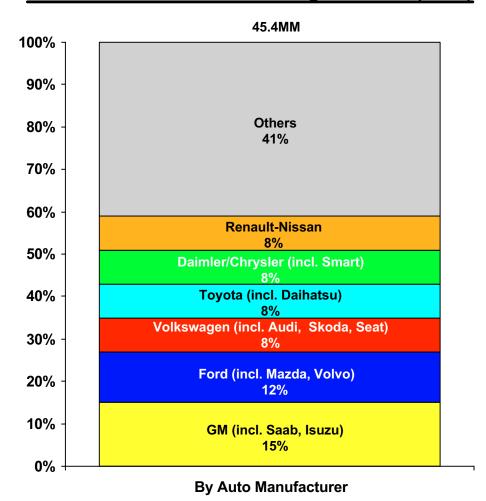
- Profile of entry level car buyer evolving
- Minority population growing in size and income. Projected to represent significant share of entry level consumer

Internet revolution shifting power of purchase decisions to the consumer

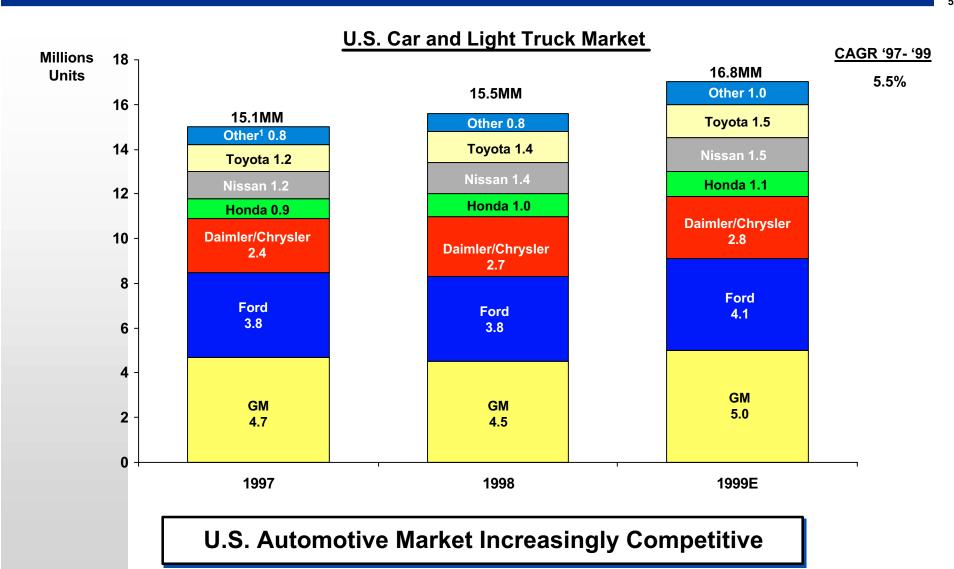
Blurring the role of dealerships and intermediaries in the purchase decision process

Global Automotive Industry Estimated At 45 Million Vehicles

Global Market for Cars and Light Trucks (1999)

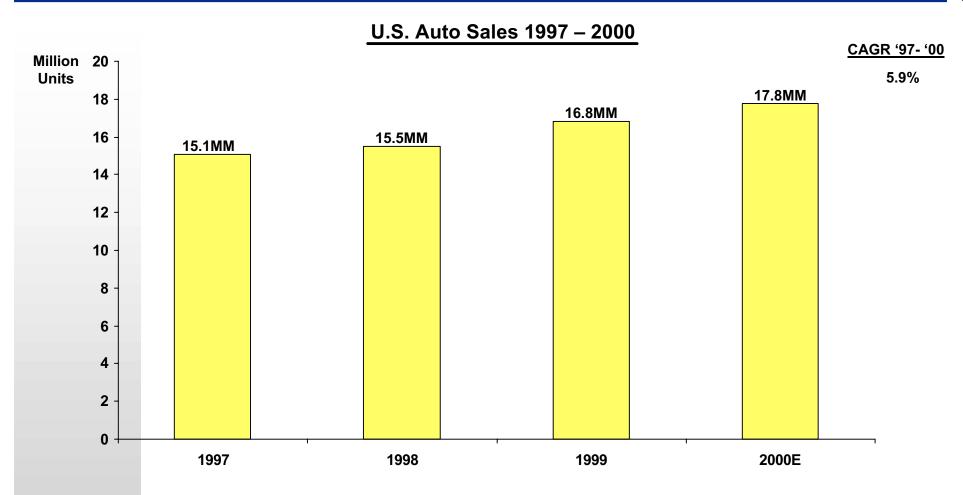


U.S. Market Has Witnessed Modest Growth



1 Volkswagen and other foreign manufacturers SOURCE: Salomon Smith Barney

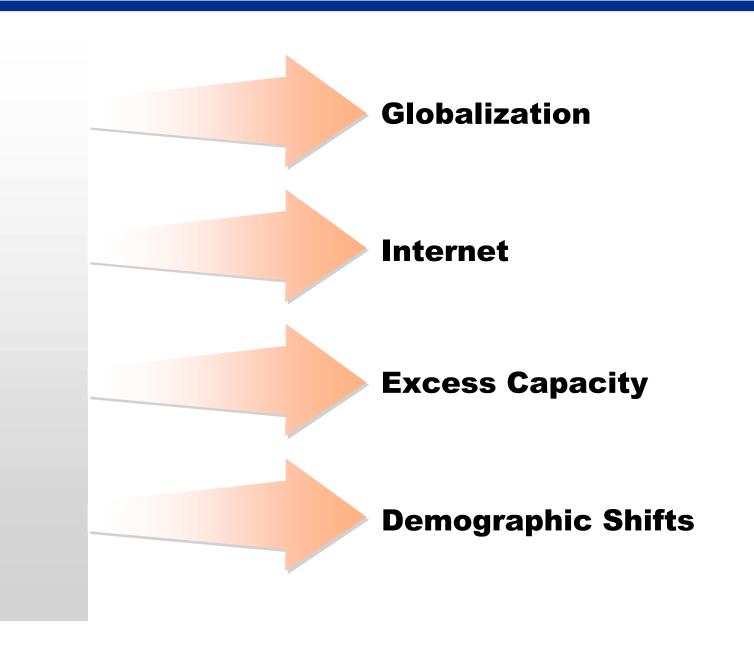
U.S. Automotive Sales Forecasted to Grow by 1 Million Vehicles in 2000



Growth in the U.S. Market Will Come From Niche Segments

SOURCE: Salomon Smith Barney

Key Trends Driving Change



Globalization Growth Drivers

Rising incomes in developing countries enabling sectors of the population to afford owning a car for the first time

Increased exposure to western media and culture; helping create demand for vehicle ownership

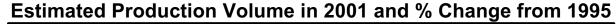
Infrastructure development by developing nations driving increases in vehicle demand

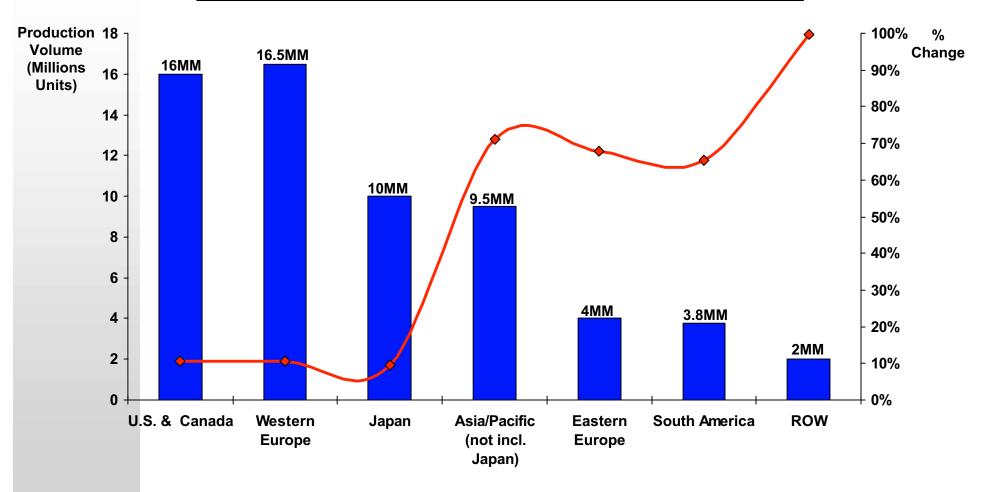
For example: North-South Highway project across the Malaysian Peninsula

Increased sophistication of consumers in developing nations, demanding car products on par in quality and design to western consumers

U.S. Automotive Manufacturers Expanding Operations to These Markets

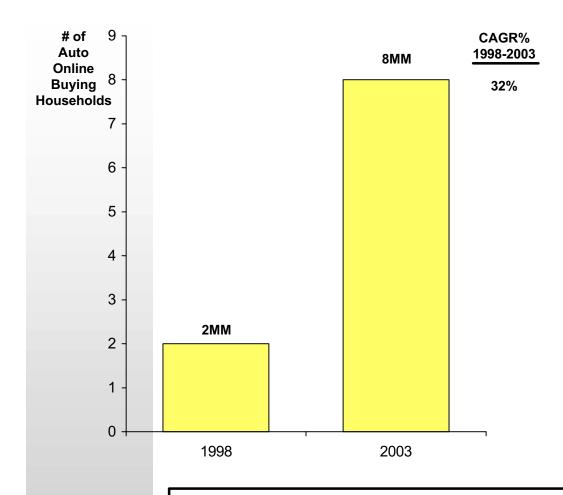
Globalization: Growth Largely in Emerging Markets





Internet: The Net Imperative

The Web Changes Customer's Expectations About Convenience, Speed, Price, Comparability and Service



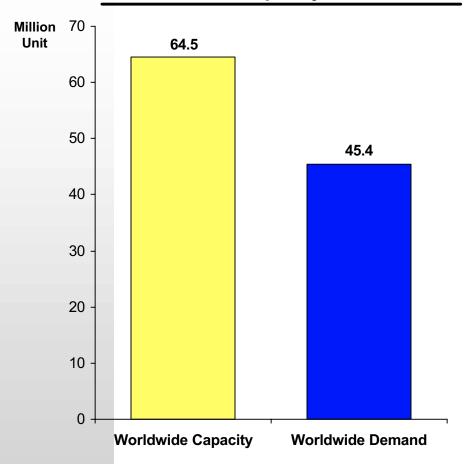
50% of new car purchases in five years will be influenced by the web

- Information
- Pricing
- Financing
- Trade-in
- Ordering

The Role of Vehicle Dealership Is Changing

Excess Capacity: Driver of Consolidation Among Manufacturers



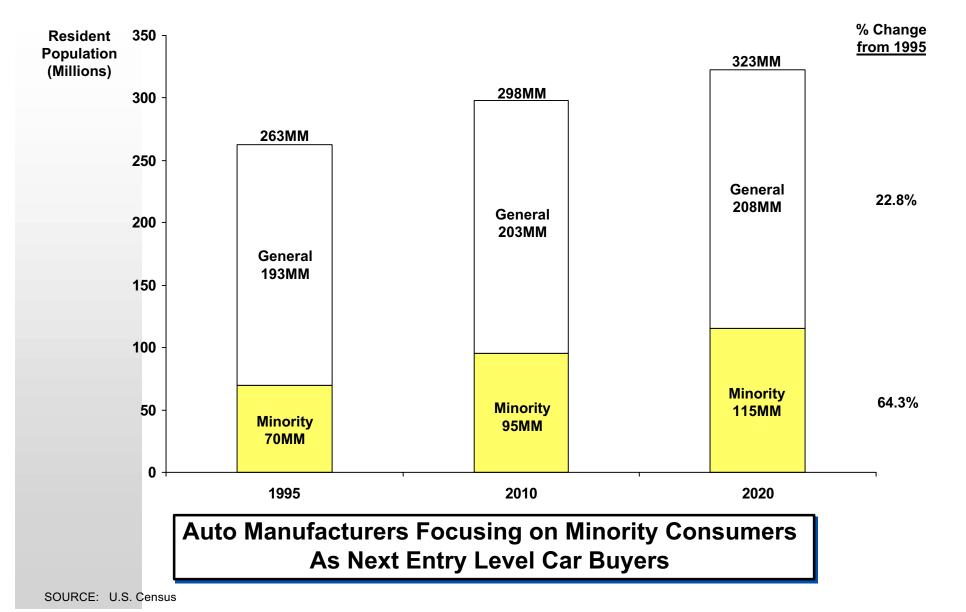


Recent Acquisitions

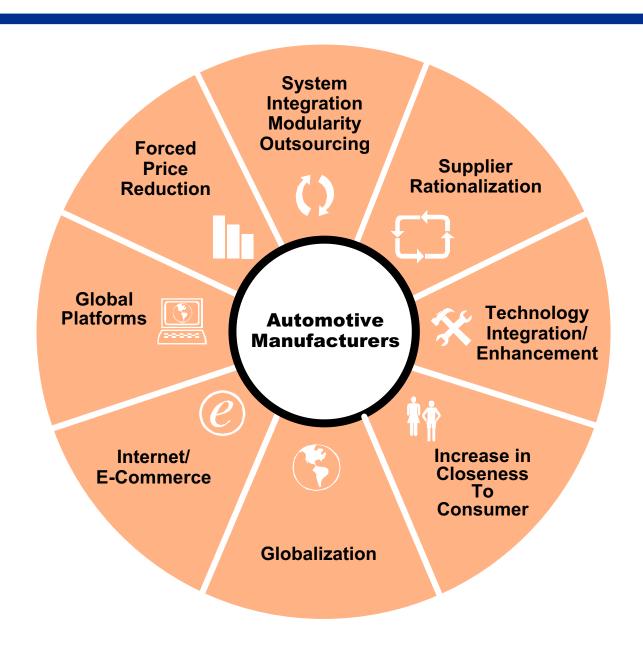
- Daimler Chrysler and Mitsubishi
- GM and Subaru
- Volkswagen and Rolls Royce
- Daimler and Chrysler
- Nissan and Renault
- Ford and Volvo
- Volkswagen and Skoda
- Toyota and Daihatsu

Demographic Shifts: Minorities Becoming Larger Share of Population





Automotive Manufacturers Respond With These Competitive Initiatives



Some Recent Actions Around Competitive Initiatives

Globalization

- Announced new operations in:
 - South America, Brazil and Argentina
 - Eastern Europe
 - India, China and Southeast Asia

Internet/E-commerce

Big Three launched a business-to-business integrated supplier exchange

Global Platforms

- Reducing global platforms
 - In 2002 global platforms are predicted to be reduced to 57 from 117 in 1997

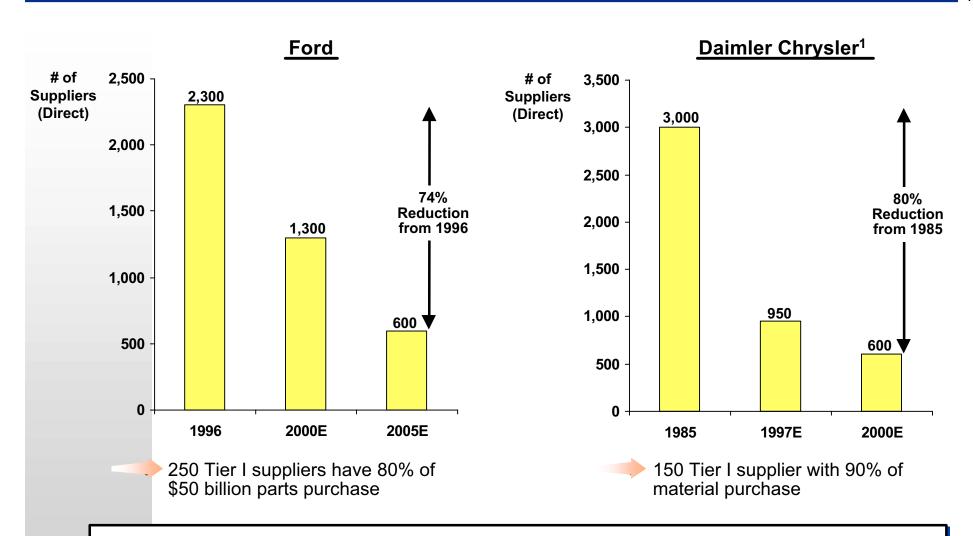
Forced Price Reductions

- With increased consolidation, auto manufacturers' are eliminating pricing discrepancies among suppliers
- Using increased volumes to force price reductions

Modularity / System Integration

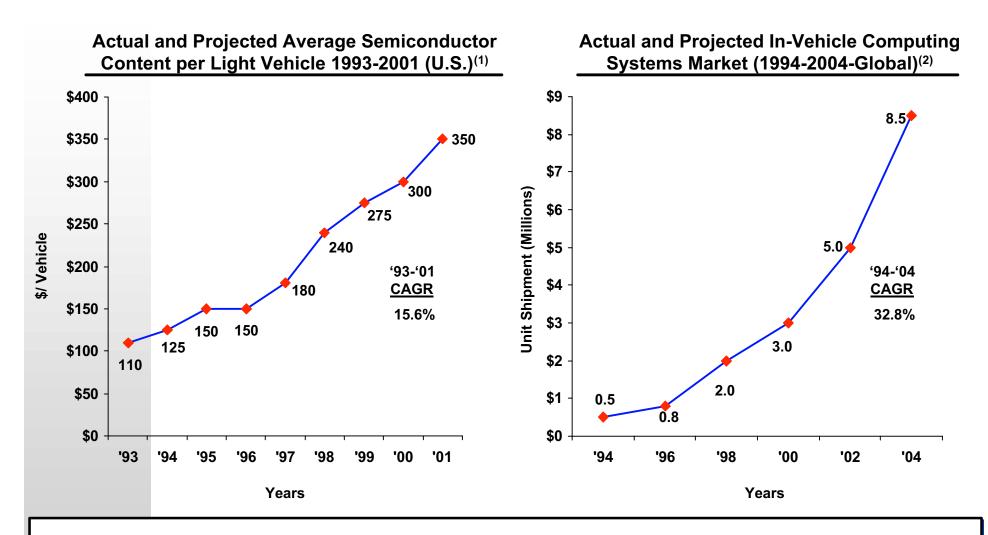
- Integrating suppliers in the product development process
- Outsourcing module and systems assembly to co-located suppliers

Supply Base Rationalization Key Focus With Automotive Manufacturers



Fewer Suppliers Now Responsible for Large Share of OEM Purchases

Technology Integration and Enhancement Key To Product Differentiation



Opportunities for Automotive Suppliers Expected To Drive Technology Integration

Closeness To Consumers More Important Today Then In The Past

Automotive manufacturers are redefining themselves into consumer products companies

Example















The world's leading consumer company for automotive products and services.

"I would absolutely love to get into the mind of the consumer. I mean not what the consumer is telling us through focus groups or market research. But to really absolutely understand – viscerally understand, intuitively understand – what is happening in terms of the future requirements of customers all over the world. That to me is just an incredible competitive advantage. How can I do that?"

Mr. Jacques Nasser, CEO Ford Motor Company USA Today, 9/26/98

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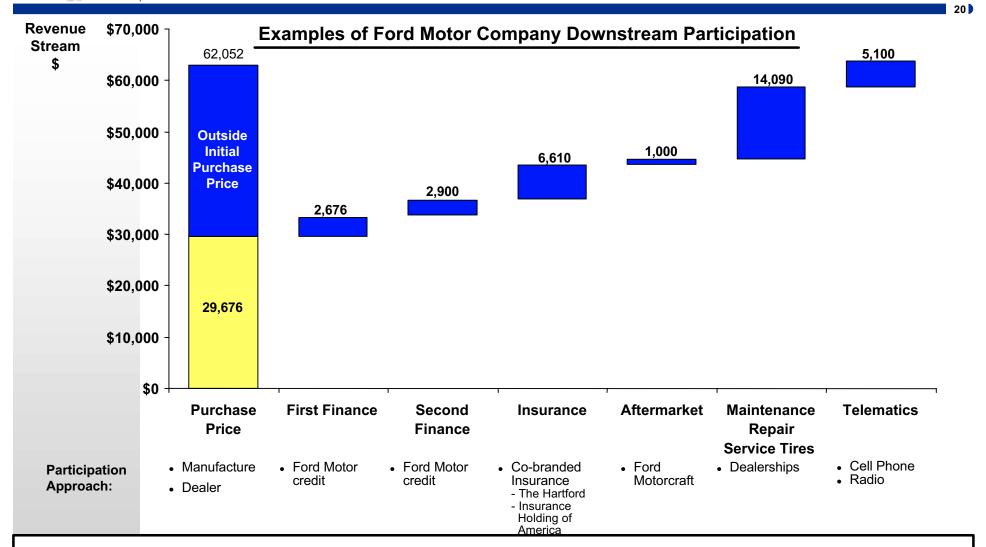


Automotive Manufacturers Reshaping Their Value Proposition

Focusing on marketing, distribution, vehicle design and integration

Yesterday Value proposition developed around Module/ Marketing **Brand** Module Component Components product specific strategies **System** & Distri-Manage-**Manufacturing** R&D Design bution **Assembly** ment Suppliers role was "Build to Print" Value proposition lies in brand **Future** management and control of customer life time value Increasing reliance on automotive Marketing Customer suppliers to design, engineer and Vehicle and Relationship **Brand** manufacture systems Design **Management** Management Brand management developed around consumer segments and lifestyles Leveraging consumer insights and participating in downstream profit pools **Control of End-Consumer Automotive Experience** Is a Strategic Imperative - Also adapting to changing demographics

Downstream Participation Is Key To Future Growth



Successful Downstream Participation Requires Building Customer Loyalty to Brand

Two Key Segments are Strategically Important In Building Brand Loyalty

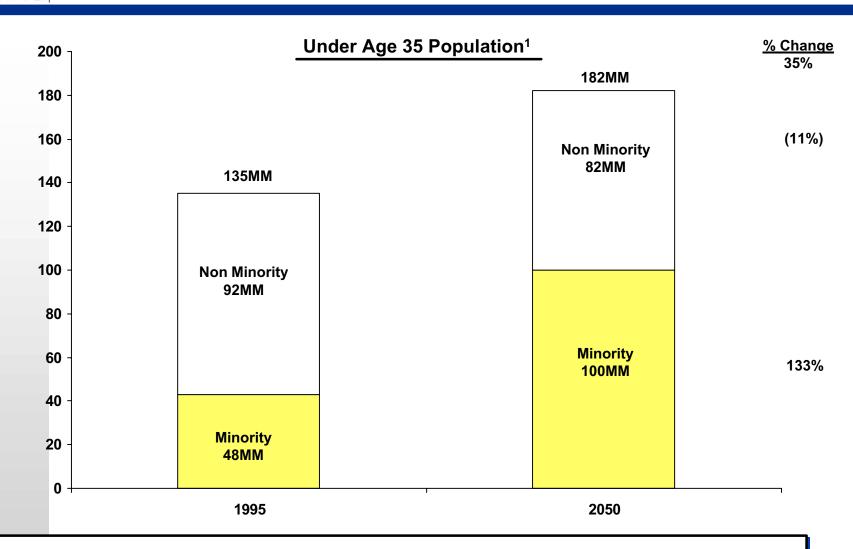
These segments account for a larger share of vehicle sales compared to population share

- Vehicle buyers with incomes over \$75,000
 - Represents 34% of new car buying populations
 - Buys more expensive and profitable vehicle
 - Most profitable customer set
- Vehicle buyers under 35 years old
 - Represents 21% of new car buying populations
 - Typically the entry-level buyers
 - Loyal customers likely to stay with brand when making next vehicle purchase
 - Segment represents the future car buyers and important for revenue growth

Ability to Capture Entry-level Buyer Necessary to Build Brand Loyalty

Entry-Level Buyer Demographics Is Changing

Minorities account for 90% of growth in this segment



Entry-level Buyer Will Be More Multicultural Than in the Past

Auto Manufacturers Leveraging Minority Sourcing Programs

Building Customer Loyalty with Minority Consumers

Added benefits derived from minority sourcing

- Build corporate links with minority communities
 - Necessary in building brand awareness with minority consumers
- Develop understanding of cultural differences
 - Enhances internal corporate diversity efforts
- Contribute to the economic growth of minority communities
- Provide an environment for corporate manager to learn the art of bridging cultural divides
 - A critical skill for success in emerging markets

Minority Sourcing Becoming a Strategic Imperative

Minority Sourcing Is A Key Strategic Initiative



"Minority procurement is no longer an issue of social conscience. Our very future depends on capturing and retaining the loyalty of a growing consumer market audience."

— Thomas Sidlik

EVP Procurement &
Supply Daimler Chrysler
Small Car Operations



"The economic strength of the minority community continues to climb, those that embrace corporate citizenship and diversity within their companies will have a competitive edge over those that do not."— Jacques A. Nasser

President and CEO

Ford Motor Company



"Our commitment to minority business development is having a supply base which closely reflects the diversity of our customers."

Teruyuki Mihoura
 President and CEO
 Toyota Motor
 Manufacturing



"We believe a long-term purchasing strategy which reflects the diversity of our customer base makes sense."

— Honda, USA

SOURCE: Company reports, Fortune Magazine

Automotive Manufacturers Making Commitments To Minority Sourcing And encouraging Tier I suppliers to source from minority businesses

Automotive Manufacturer	Estimated U.S. Purchasing Spend	1999 Minority Purchases	Tier II	Comments
Ford	\$50B	\$3.3 Billion	\$1.1 Billion	Committed to \$3.5 B by 2004
General Motors	\$40B	\$2.2 Billion	\$1.1 Billion	 Tier II program is 5% of GM business 2000 target at 5.5% of total purchases
Daimler Chrysler	\$40B	\$2.1 Billion	N/A	Committed to \$2.7 B by 2000
Toyota	\$8B	\$350 Million	N/A	2002 target for TierTarget 5% of Toyota's business for Tier II
Mitsubishi		\$60 Million	N/A	 Currently at 3.7% → Goal is 5% Actively encourages Tier II participation
Honda		N/A	N/A	•
Nissan		N/A	N/A	•
Mercedes- Benz		N/A	N/A	•

SOURCE: Asaba Group estimates

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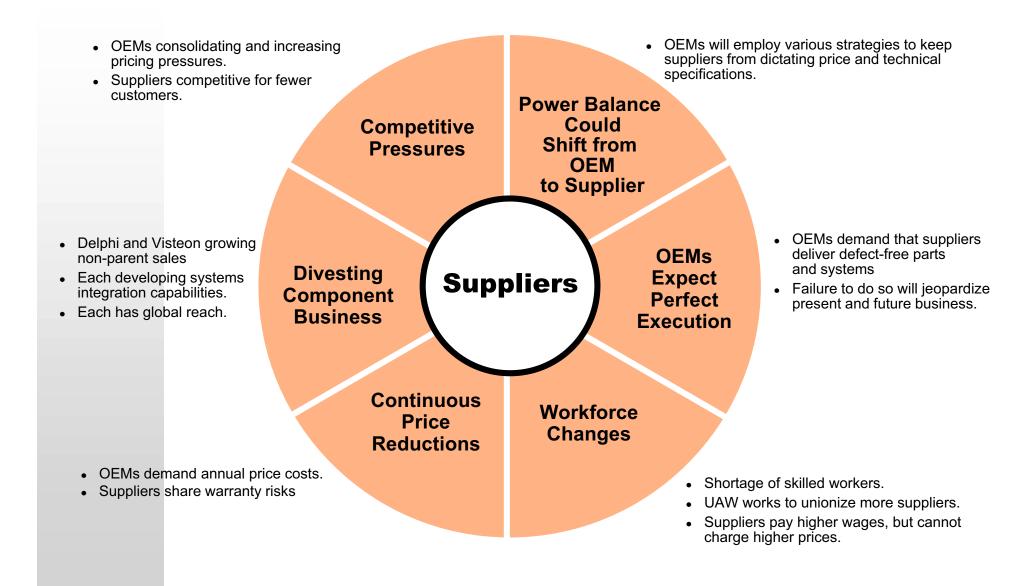
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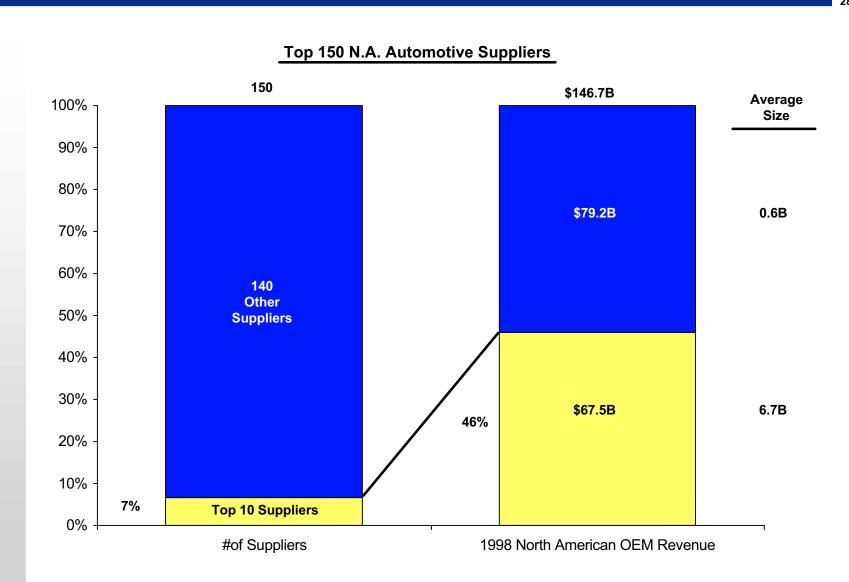


Automotive Suppliers Face Continuous Challenges Responding to OEM Requirements



Automotive Suppliers Are Fragmented And Undergoing Consolidation

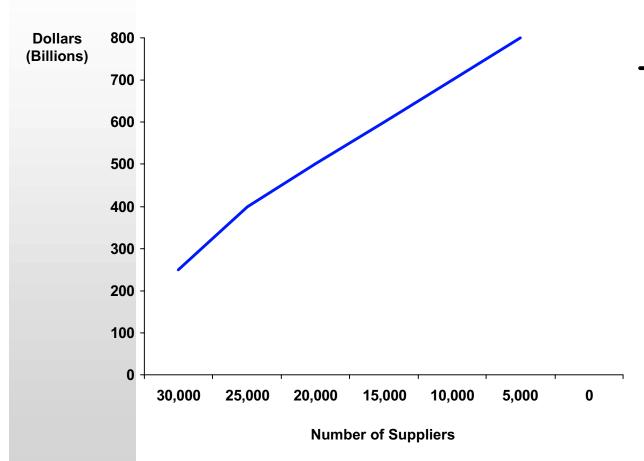
Top 10 Suppliers Are Driving the Consolidation



SOURCE: Asaba Group Analysis

Suppliers Consolidating at a Rapid Pace

In 1986; 30,000 suppliers in a \$250 billion industry; by 2003, 5,000 suppliers in a \$800 billion industry



Consolidation Drivers

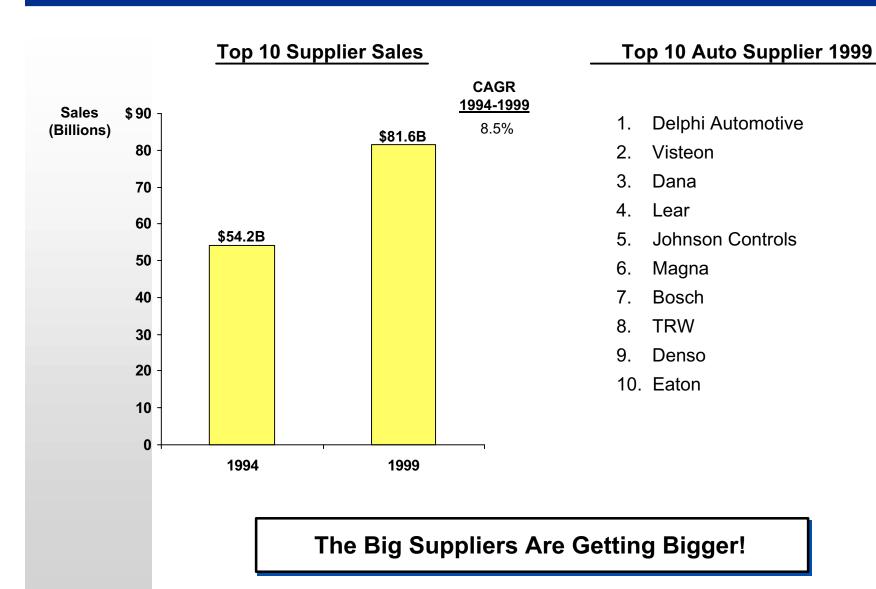
- The race to become system integrators
- Acquiring key capabilities
 - Technology
 - Manufacturing
 - Geographic reach
- Divestitures of non-core businesses
- Quest to achieve optimal economies of scale/critical mass

SOURCE: Economist Intelligence Unit

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Top 10 Suppliers Have Grown Annually By 8.5% Since 1994

Largely driven by acquisitions



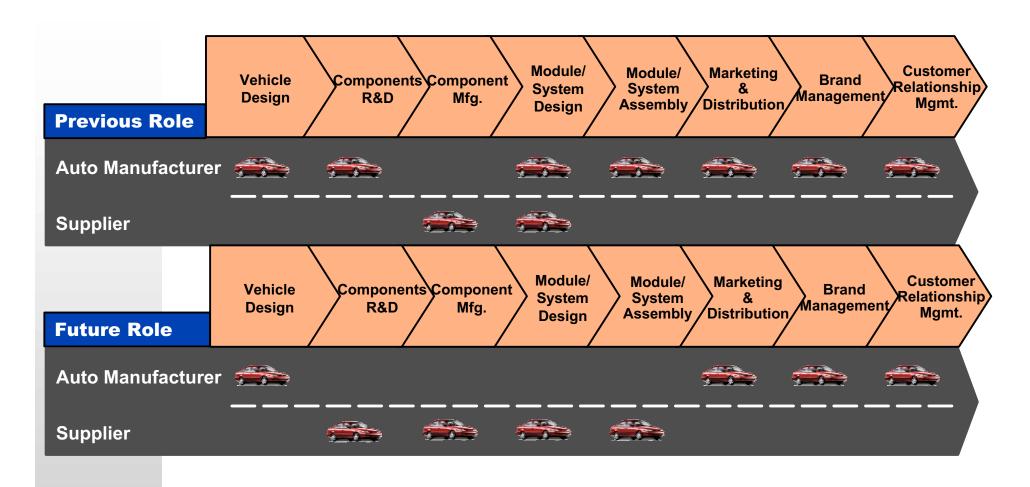
SOURCE: Automotive News

Recent Mergers and Acquisition Deals

Year	Acquirer	Target	Deal Size	Activities
1999	TRW Inc.	Lucas Varity PLC	\$6.53 Billion	Brakes, Electrical and Injection Systems
1999	Lear Corp.	UT Automotive	\$2.3 Billion	 Interior, Electrical, Electronics and Motors
1999	Eaton	Aeroquip	\$1.7 Billion	Hydrators
1999	Goodyear	Sumitomo Rubber	\$0.9 Billion	Tires
1999	Hayes-Lemmerz	CMI	\$0.6 BIllion	Wheels
1999	TI Group	Walboro	\$0.6 Billion	Fuel Systems
1999	Visteon	Plastic Ominium	\$0.5 Billion	Interior Components
1999	Dura Automotive	Excel	\$0.5 Billion	Window Systems
1999	Dura Automotive	Advest	\$0.3 Billion	Control Cables and Mechanism

SOURCE: Price Waterhouse Coopers, The Economist

Suppliers Taking On Past Roles of Automotive Manufacturers



Suppliers Must Build New Capabilities

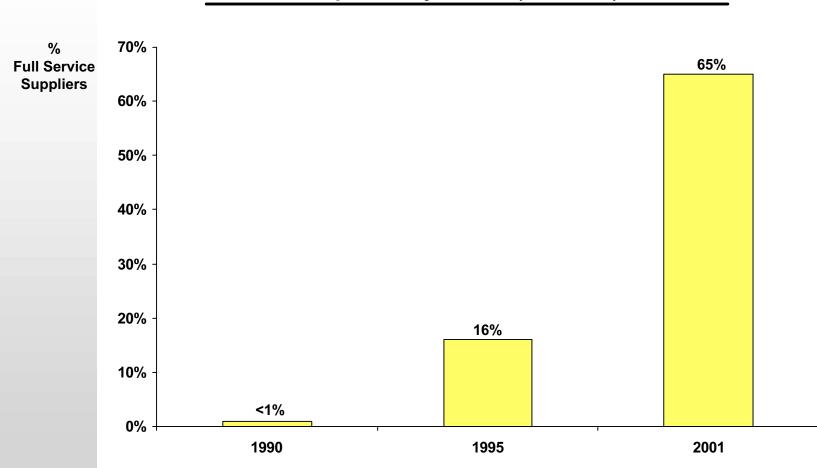
Full Service Capabilities Involves the Ability To:

- Translate end-consumer needs to product requirements
- Manage product development across the supply chain
- Take responsibility for product design, engineering, quality, and manufacturing
- Share the risks and cost of product defects
- Drive technology development and integration into new products
- Process discipline and execution excellence
- Have relentless focus on cost containment and reduction

Suppliers Must Build R&D, Engineering, and Manufacturing Capabilities

Manufacturers Want Suppliers With Full Service Capabilities





SOURCE: Asaba Group Estimates

Tier I Suppliers Have Begun Supplier Base Consolidation Programs

Delphi Automotive plan to cut more than 2,000 of 4,500 North American suppliers

"We've asked our purchasing teams to reduce our supply base by 50%."

Ray CampbellDelphi VP Global Purchasing

Meritor Automotive Inc. has begun a massive reduction of suppliers

"Plans to cut down from 2,000 direct suppliers to between 600 and 800 over next 3 years"

Carl SoderstromSr. VP Engineering Quality& Procurement

American Axle and Manufacturing plan to cut 100 to 150 suppliers from a base of 300

"Once the large Tier One suppliers make the cuts, they'd like to negotiate longer contracts."

David DemosVP Procurement

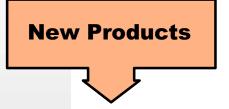
Tier II and III Suppliers Must Compete on Price, Quality, Engineering and Geographic Reach or Risk Being Slashed

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Future Growth Will Come From Three Key Areas



Technology Integration & Enhancement

New Channels

After Market Products

Organic Growth

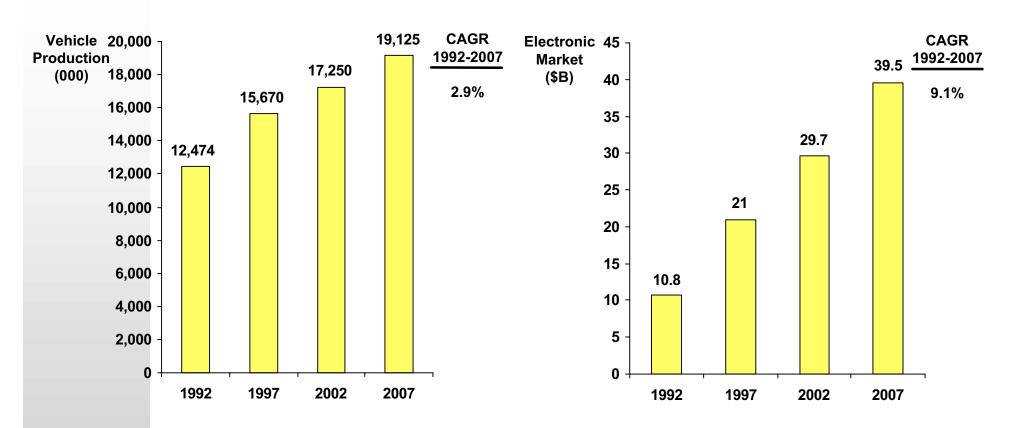
Consistent Performance

Minority Sourcing

New Products: Automotive Electronics Growing Faster Than Vehicle Sales

North American Production Forecast

OEM Automotive Electronic Market



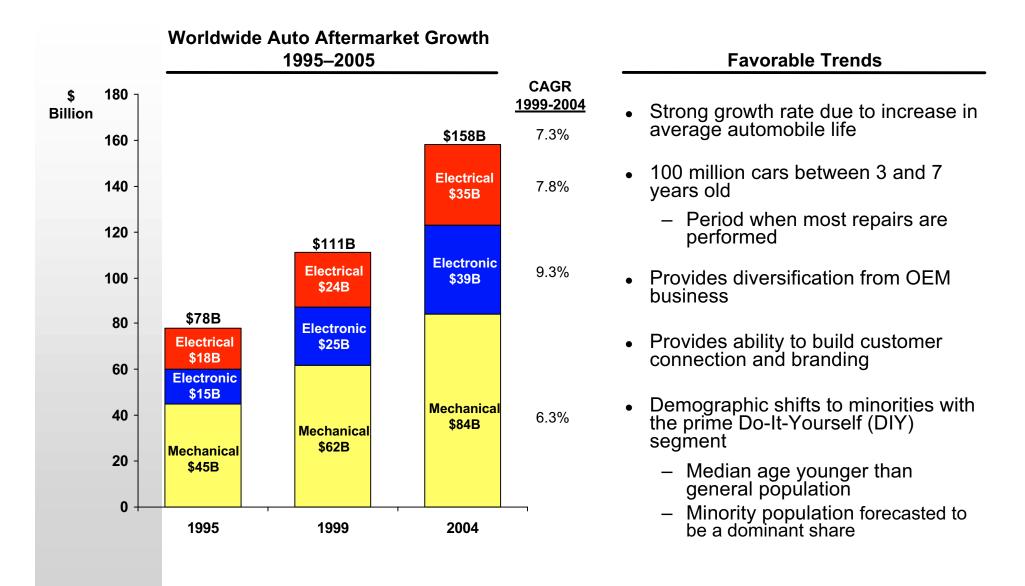
Technology Integration and Enhancement Provides Growth Opportunities

New Channels: Aftermarket Presents Significant

Growth Opportunity

SOURCE: Freedonia Group, Packaged Facts

Electronic and Electrical products are the high-growth segment



Organic Growth: Suppliers Understand That Minority Sourcing Is Strategic To OEM's

Tier I suppliers view minority sourcing as key in growing business

Johnson Controls sourced \$235MM in 1999 from minority suppliers. Expected to grow to \$317MM in 2000

"Our company is committed to providing diversity, building strong partnerships with minority firms, and expanding minority supplier development efforts in the years to come."

- Johnson Controls

"...Our customers [OEMs] are asking for it. The minority population is growing and automakers want them as customers." $-Foamex\ Automotive$

3M Automotive has begun a minority sourcing program with a 5% goal by 2002

"The industry has recognized the demographics of their customer base." -3M Automotive

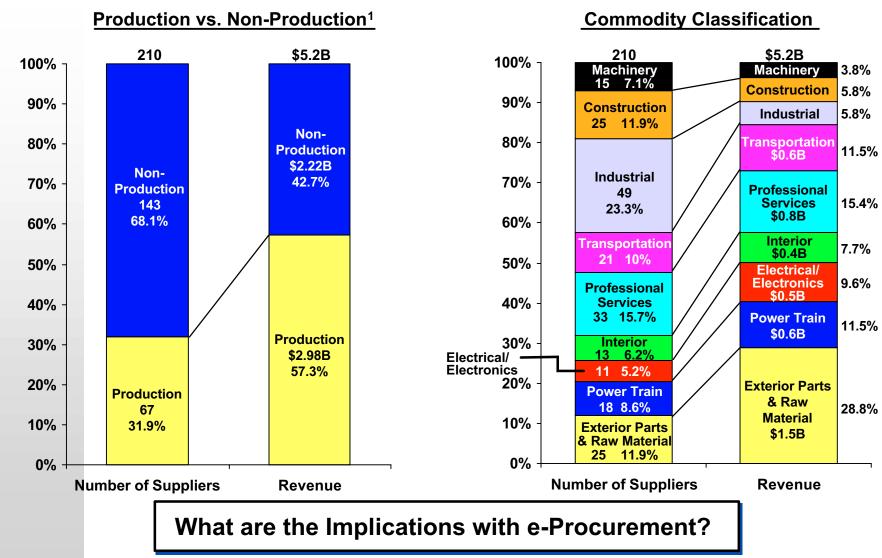
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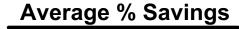
Competitive Profile of Minority Suppliers

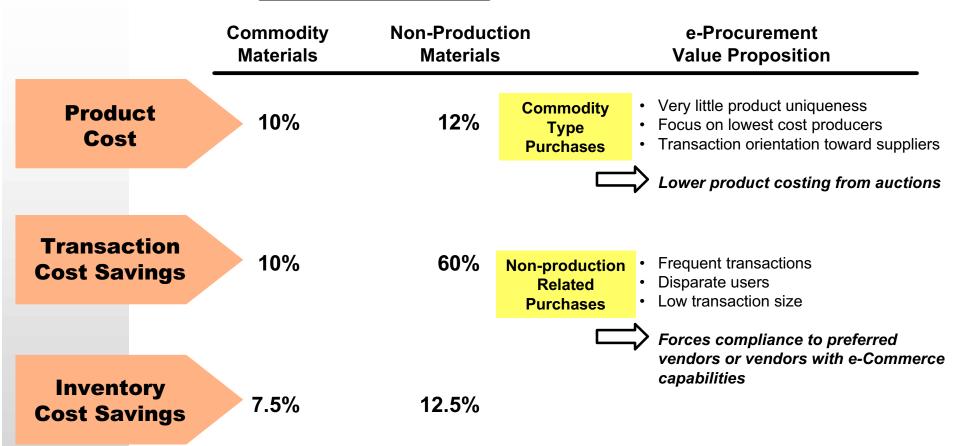
Most minority suppliers in non-production commodities



[•] Sample of 210 minority supplier in major OEM, 1997 sales data SOURCE: Asaba Group analysis

e-Procurement Exchanges Focus on Reducing Cost in Non-Production and Commodity Purchases



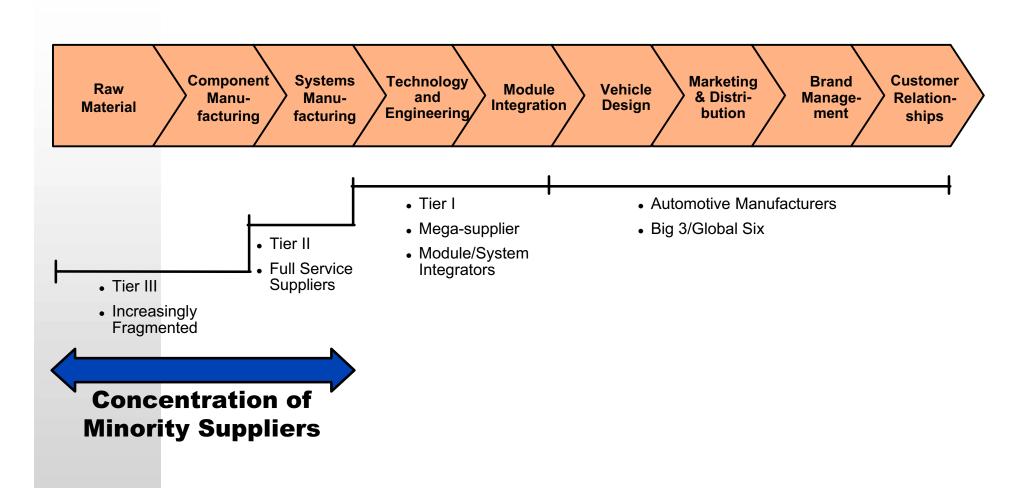


Non-Production Minority Supplier Must Be Cost Competitive to Survive in the e-Procurement World

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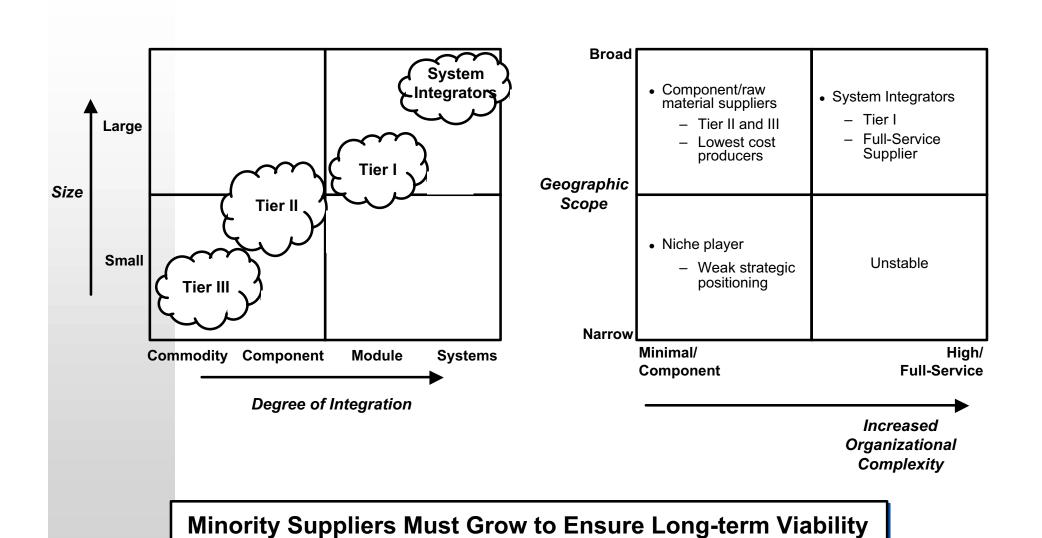
Production Suppliers Must View Growth by Strategic Role in the Supply Chain

The New Extended Enterprise



How Should Minority Suppliers Think About Growth?

Limited Strategic Growth Options for Small Commodity Players



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Growth Options For Minority Suppliers

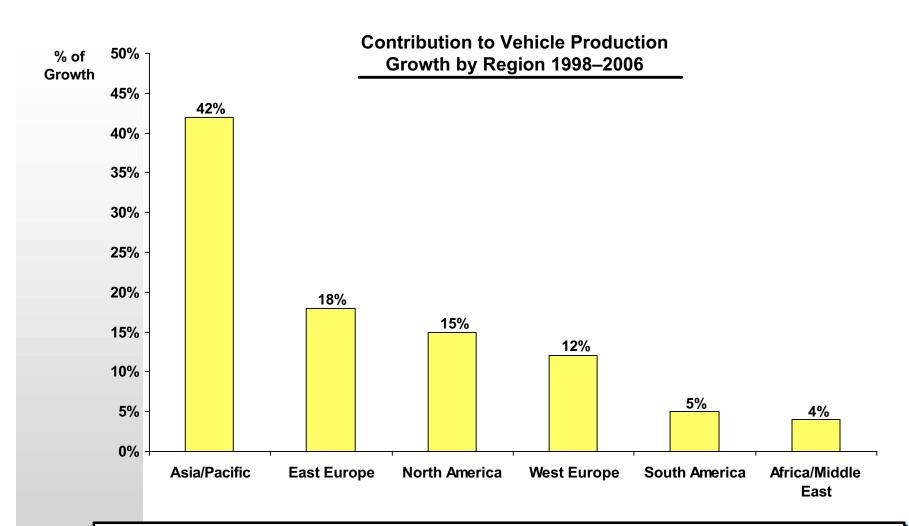
Geographic Expansion

Consolidation/ Rollup New Commodity
Categories

Forward Integration

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Geographic Expansion: Emerging Markets Will Provide the Long-term Growth

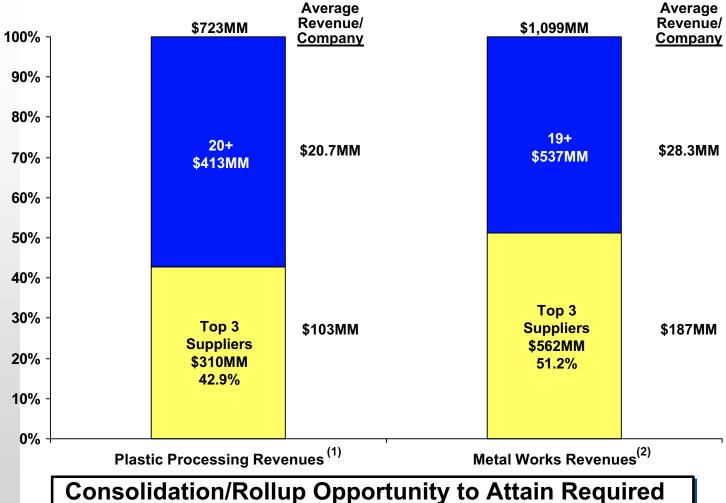


Minority suppliers must go global to grow

SOURCE: PriceWaterhouseCoopers

Consolidation/Rollups: Opportunity in Commodity **Groups with High Degree of Fragmentation**

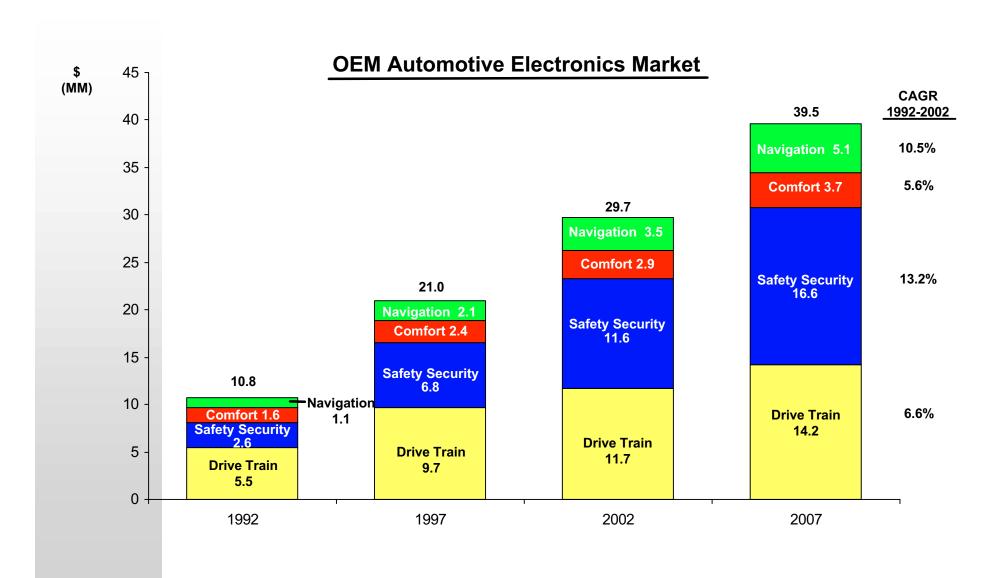
Plastics and metal processing highly fragmented and captive to auto industry



Critical Mass for Cost Competitiveness

[•] Includes Injection, Extrusion and Blow Molding Suppliers (2) Includes Machinery, Welding and Stamping Suppliers Estimated 1997 data

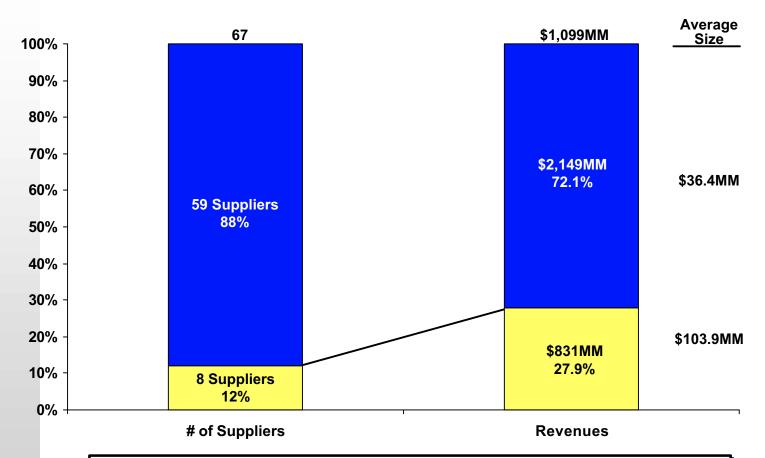
New Commodity Categories: Electrical and **Electronic Segments Are Attractive**



Forward Integration: Developing Full Service Capabilities Required For Module/System Suppliers

Analysis reveals that size is a key element in building required capabilities

Suppliers With Design/R&D Capability(1)



With Shorter Product Development Cycles, Alliances or Acquisitions Are Quicker Ways to Build Capabilities

Required Capabilities Will Depend on Strategic Focus

COMPONENT

FULL SERVICE

Value Proposition To Customer

- Low Cost
- Highest Quality
- Build to Specification
- Regional Operations

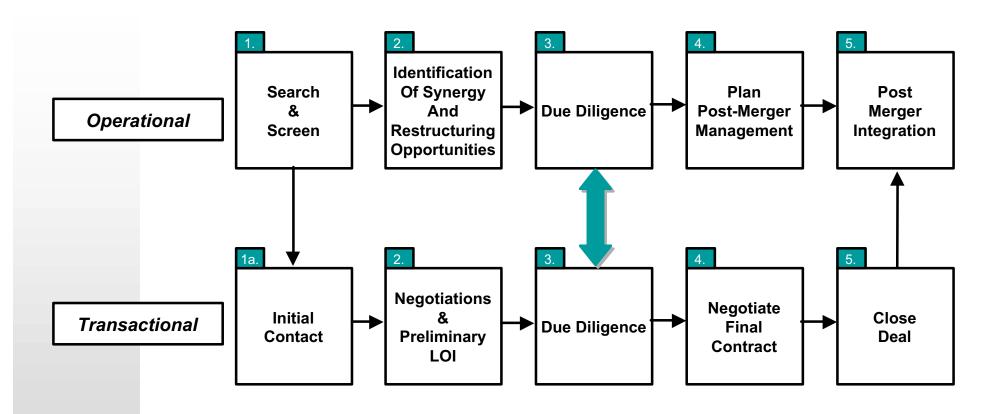
- Innovate Constantly to Raise Switching Barriers
- Take on R&D, Design, Engineering
- Anticipate/lead Customer
- Build Capacity Globally

Required Strategic Capabilities

- Geographic Scope
- Cost Reduction
- Operational Excellence
- Working Capital Management
- Total Cost Management (TCM)
- Activity Based Costing (ABC)

- Supply Chain Integration and Management
- Product Development
- Complexity Management / Reduction
- Globalization
- Portfolio Strategy
- Module Integration
- Post Merger Integration

Excellence in Acquisitions and Post-Merger Integration Will Become Critical



Need to Build the Right Capabilities or Pick Experienced Partners

Keys to Success for Minority Suppliers

- Focused development of products with superior market potential
 - Safety-enhancing products, products
 - Lightweight advanced materials
 - Electronic/electrical components and systems
- Excellent inventory management
- Continuous productivity improvement
- Activity-Based-Costing will be critical for suppliers below the module integrator level
 - These suppliers are driven more to commodity-type products; pricing and margin pressure will intensify
- Excellence in acquisition and especially in post-merger integration

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Minority Businesses - Investment Highlights

Minority consumer market is growing faster than the general population

Minority businesses know these markets and also are among the lowest cost suppliers

Entry level vehicle buyer demographics becoming more minority

With growth in emerging global markets, minority businesses can provide valuable knowledge and skills

- Key allies in developing products for these new markets and building sales and marketing infrastructures/alliances
- Provide key social and business connections particular knowledge about foreign cultures
- Prepare OEM managers in developing skills to bridge cultural divides

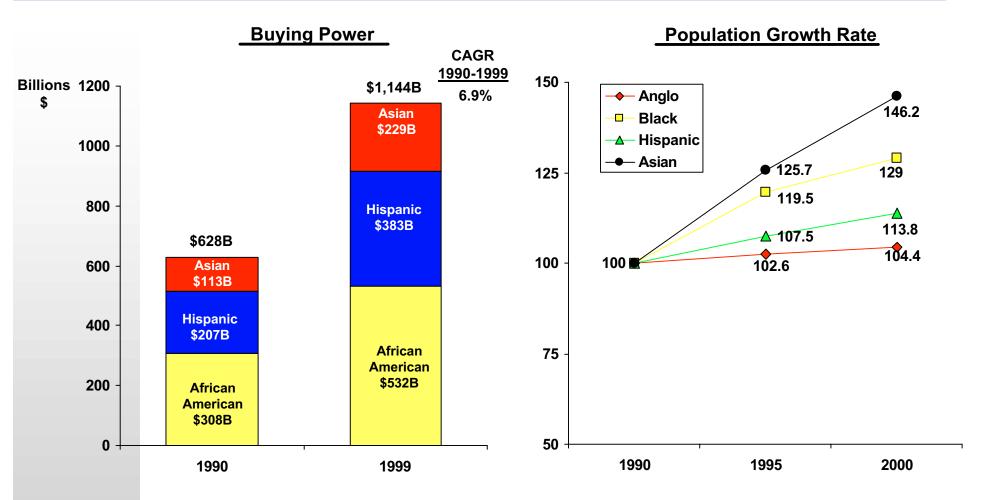
America's minority community provides a less-risky 'emerging market' environment

Gaining valuable experiences in learning what works in emerging markets

Automotive suppliers leveraging minority sourcing to improve bargaining power with OEMs

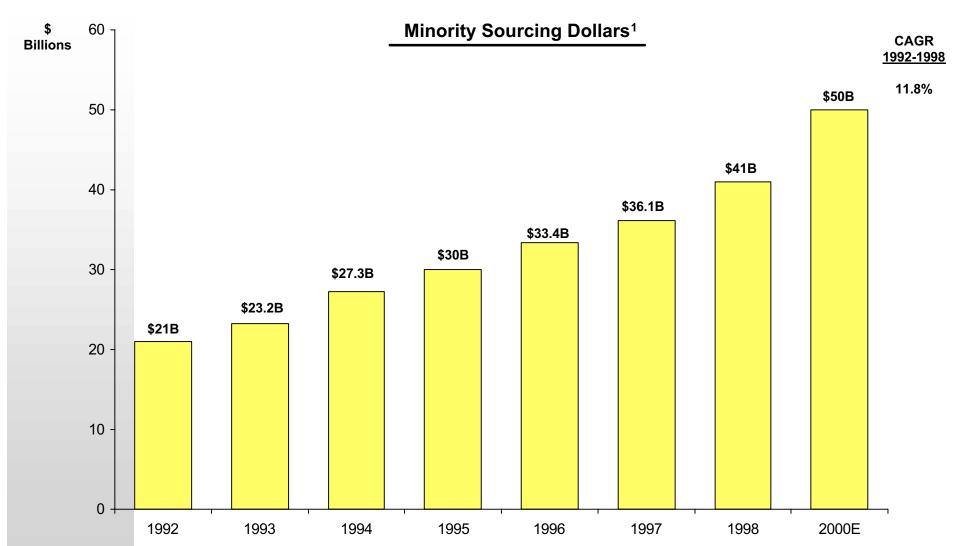
Minority Businesses Provide Unique Value Propositions to OEMs and Automotive Suppliers

Minority Populations Growing Faster with Increasing Purchase Power



Minority Suppliers Provide Investors an Avenue To Profit from Favorable Demographic Trends

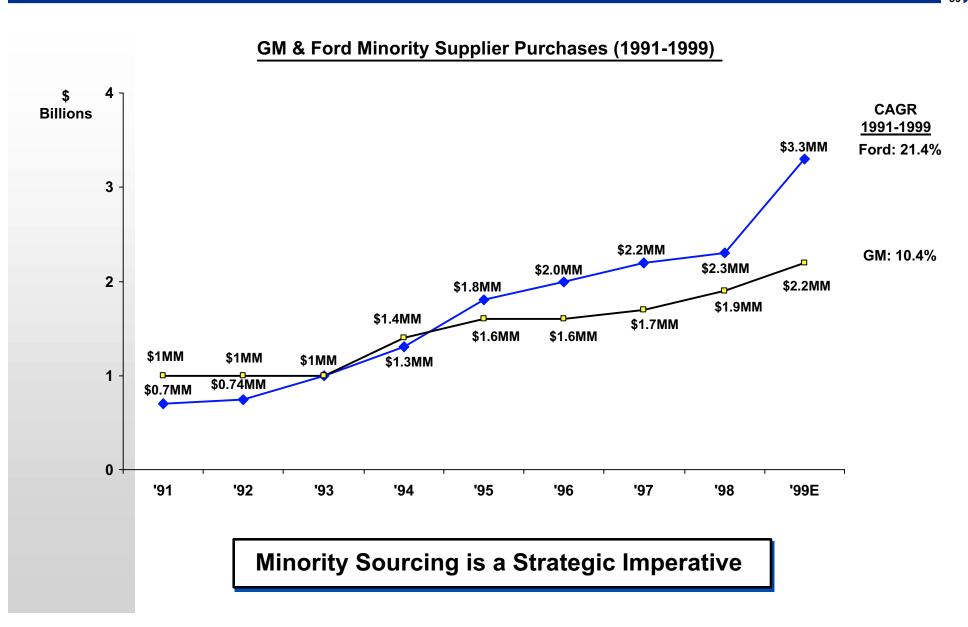
U.S. Corporations Increasing Purchases With Minority Suppliers



1 NMSDC Corporate Members Only 2 Year 2000 Asaba Group estimates SOURCE: NMSDC

History Shows Automotive Manufacturers Committed to Minority Sourcing

Minority Purchasing Growing Year-Over-Year Since 1991



Minority Sourcing Programs are Strategic, With Senior Management Commitment

"[We are] determined to build strong long-term relationships with [minority] suppliers to form a 'partnership'."

— Thomas J. Stalkamp

Daimler Chrysler

"They [OEMs] are doing it because when the population shifts only those who have committed themselves to including minorities are going to get loyalty."

- Minority Supplier

"GM is committed to supplier diversity because it not only makes good business sense, the more we spend, the better we enable [minorities] to purchase our products."

Harold R. Kutner
 Group Vice President
 General Motors

"24% of our cars were purchased by minorities. Minority supplier development is a key strategic initiative."

— Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing

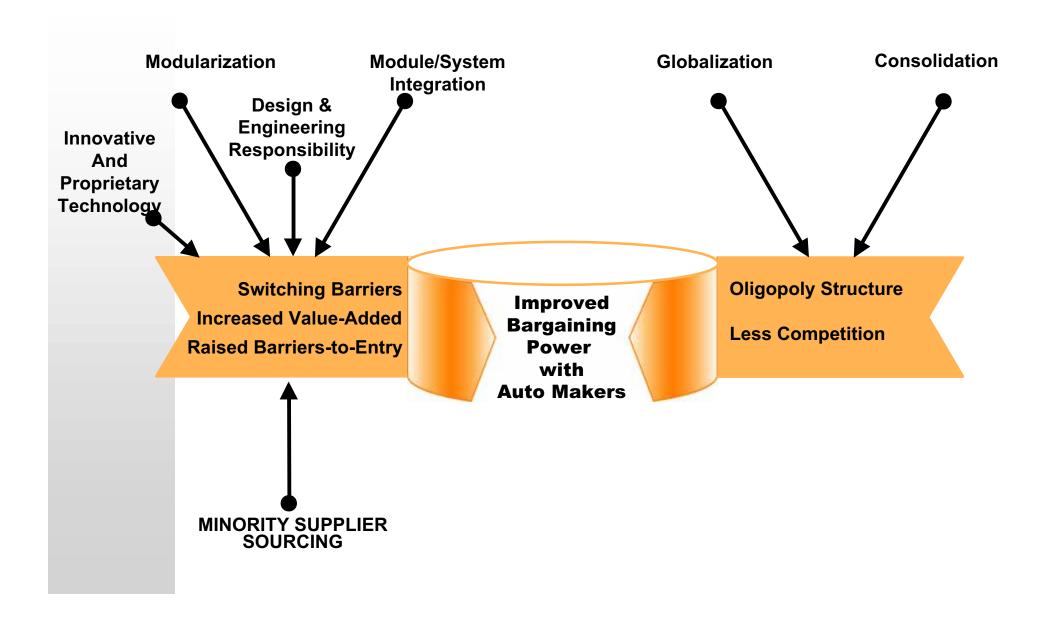
"In 1999 about 30% of our vehicles customers were minorities. The minority consumer is very important to our success in the U.S." $-Nissan\ USA$

OEMs Encouraging Partnerships Between Minority Suppliers and Tier I Suppliers

Automotive Manufacturer	Joint Venture	Contract Size	Comments
General Motors	Bridgewater Interiors	Six-year\$900MM	 Joint venture with Johnson Controls Cadillac Seville seats Minority led investor group
	• VITEC	Five-year\$680MM	 Joint venture with Walboro Plastic fuel tanks Minority supplier: Regal Plastics
	Dos Manos	• \$250MM	 Joint venture with Cambridge Industries Minority supplier: Mexican Industries
	• ACAP	• \$300MM	 Joint venture with Collins & Aikmans Instrument panel assembly Minority supplier: Mexican Industries
Ford	Saturn Electronic	• \$70MM	 Joint venture with UTA Battery Cables Minority supplier: Saturn Electronics
	Detroit Automotive Interiors	•	Joint venture with LearMinority supplier:Bing Manufacturing
	Jupiter Transportation	• 5 year • \$500MM	\$60MM acquisitionsMinority supplier:Active Transportation

Bargaining Power of Automotive Suppliers Improving

Minority Sourcing is a Key Component



Investment Capital In Minority Suppliers Will Largely Fund M&A Activities

	Strategic Focus	Investment Rationale	Business Intentions
Growth	 New capabilities 	 Stable revenue and switching barriers 	TechnologiesRound out full service capabilities
	 Full Product Portfolio 	 Minimize revenue risk 	 Fill in product gaps for modularity/system integration
	 Geographic Diversification 	 High growth opportunities 	Emerging marketsS.E. AsiaBrazil
Consolidation/	 New Product Segments 	Financial arbitrageAcquire new revenues	ElectronicElectricalSafetyMaterials
Rollup	 Consolidation 	 New Category 	 Acquire smaller companies to achieve critical mass cost position
Disposal/ Divestiture	 Exiting the Industry 		 Acquire non-minority businesses e.g.: Allied Signal divesting ABS to Bosch ITT Electrical Systems to Valeo

Minority Supplier Status Reduces Revenue Risks

Examples of Recent Transactions Involving Financial Investors

Financial Investor*	Company	Activities
Venture Holding Trust	Peguform	Bumper and Interior Trim
UBS Capital	Valfond	Castings and Precision
TSG Capital	Obrseal	Automotive sealants and adhesives
Palladium Equity Partners	Delphi - Automotive Systems Division	Lighting business
Investor Group	Aeroquip - Vicker Inc.	Hoses and Hydraulic Systems
Investor Group	Enviro Service Inc.	Automotive Parts
Little John & Levy	Hayes Lemmerz	Wheels
Aurora Capital	Auto Cam	Precisioned Machined Parts

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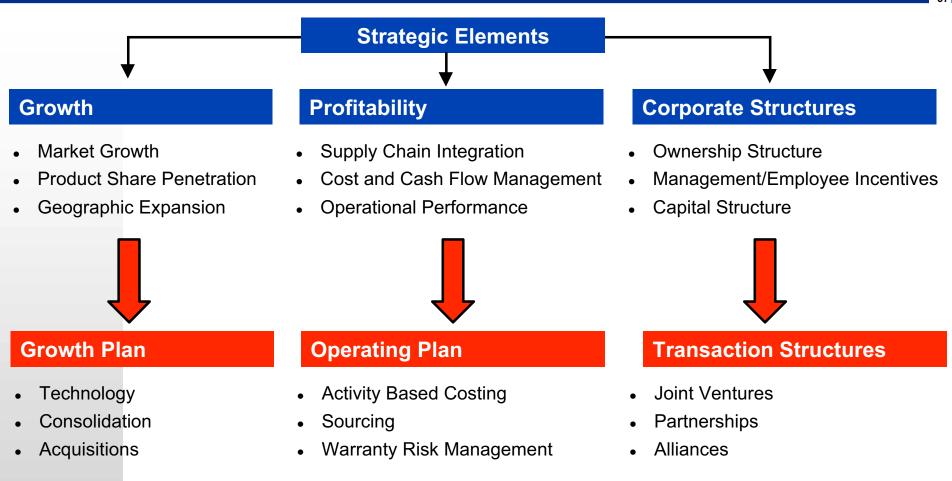


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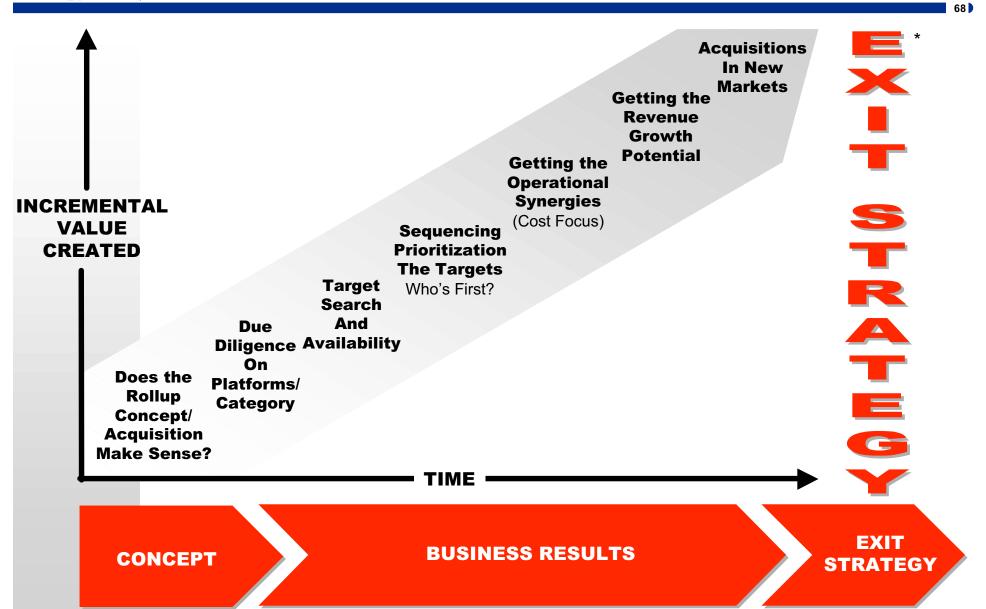


Key Elements For High Level Strategic Plan

A Development Plan Must Contain These Strategic Elements

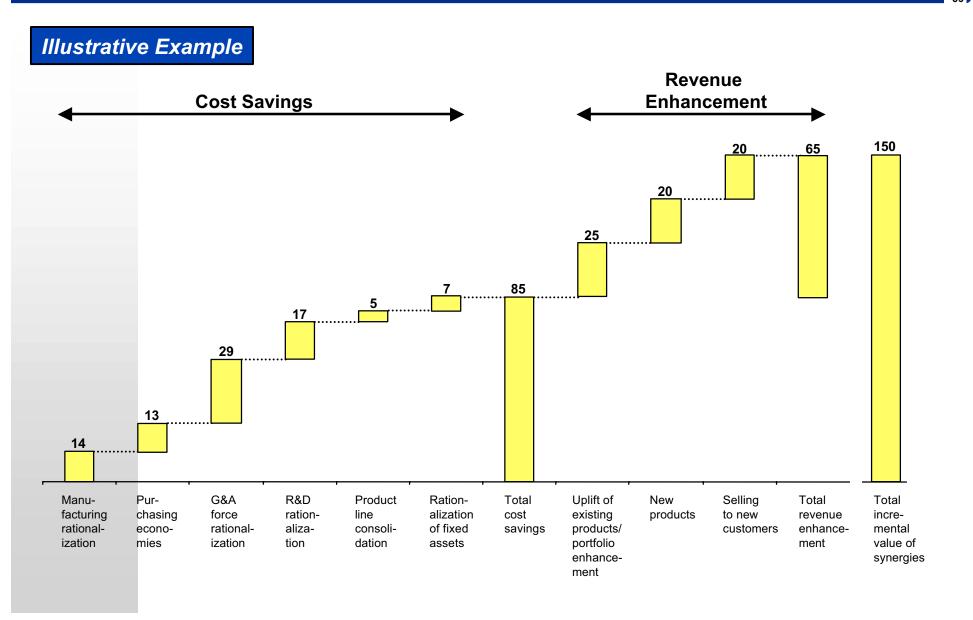


Acquisition Planning Must Include These Steps



* For financial investors

Incremental Value Created Is Linked To Potential Synergies And Operating Leverage



Must Understand the Supplier Base Rationalization Process

Illustrative Example

Starting Point	Phase One	Phase Two	Phase Three
330 Suppliers	80 Suppliers Removed	130 Suppliers Removed	120 Suppliers Remain
 Noted for low quality Geographically depressed Multiple suppliers per part family Decreasing volumes of parts 	 Eliminate companies with: Poor quality Lack engineering/design capability Not financially sound to take on warranty risks Lack Just-In-Time (JIT) capabilities 	Consumer insightsSharing warranty risks	 Long-term agreement Global reach Modularity/system integration Continuous quality improvement targets Pushing new technology envelop Integration with extended enterprise